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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Chief Examiners, Examiners, Instructor/ Coordinators  
**FROM:** Louise Goyette, Director  
**RE:** Use of Electronic Communication Devices and Cell Phones at EMT  
Certification Examination  
**DATE:** February 22, 2005

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Cell phones, pagers and other electronic communication devices shall be turned off and may not be used by any person (Chief Examiners, Examiners, candidates, patients, etc.) at the certification examination:

- While in the examination stations,
- Within hearing distance of the examination stations,
- While in the holding area for examination candidates,

Further, the Office of Emergency Medical Services discourages the use of these devices by those present in any area of the examination site. If it becomes absolutely necessary for their use, it should be done in an area isolated from the examination area, as designated by the training institute.

The Chief Examiner has the authority to have any person removed from the examination who does not adhere to this policy.